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-::: N&O #66 October 2003 :::-

Hi gang,

This edition is not - as usual - presented by Ary Boender, but by his vice editor, Jochen Schaefer from Germany, the so called "Kopf" (head) of the German speaking numbers stations movement, which means: speaker for the publicity in the German speaking area. Ary has a lot of work to do in his house, and that's why he couldn't find time to edit this months N&O. I volunteered to do this, and he gave me the permission. We hope, that he can present us N&O again from November on.

This month was again very active in the scene. We received many logs from our busy contributors - thank you very much, and don't forget going on sending logs to Ary's address, which is given on above.

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Last month's feature from Deutschlandfunk about numbers stations, where Ary and I (Jochen) were contributors, is now online, including the script (look at <http://www.simonmason.karoo.net/page468.htm>). Thanks to Tibor W. for the permission, and to Simon Mason for his online version, which is now the longest sound sample on his excellent website.

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* VOICE STATIONS *

::: E03 & E03A [former E04]

As every month, Axel from Germany and Tomonori from Japan supplied the idents of Lincolnshire Poacher and Cherry Ripe during October; thank you.

Lincolnshire Poacher E03
IDs as of October 1st, 2003

UTC	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	UTC
1200	45145	45145	45145	45145	45145	45145	45145	1200
1300	19284	19284	19284	19284	19284	19284	19284	1300
1400	52417	76287	88637	92411	45145	23923	44452	1400
1500	44452	52417	76287	88637	92411	45145	91413	1500
1600	91413	44452	52417	76287	88637	92411	23923	1600
1700	23923	91413	44452	52417	76287	88637	45145	1700
1800	45145	23923	91413	44452	52417	76287	92411	1800
1900	92411	19284	23923	19284	44452	52417	19284	1900
2000	19284	45145	19284	91413	19284	44452	88637	2000
2100	88637	92411	45145	23923	91413	19284	76287	2100
2200	76287	88637	92411	45145	23923	91413	52417	2200

Cherry Ripe E04

IDs as of Oct 3rd, 2003

UTC	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	UTC
0000				22499	52409	07008	0000
0100				52409	07008	21902	0100
1000				07008	21902	58268	1000
1100				21902	58268	22499	1100
1200				58268	22499	33361	1200
1300				22499	33361	39163	1300
1400							1400
2200			33361	39163	22499		2200
2300			39163	22499	52409		2300

IDs as of Oct 10th, 2003

UTC	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	UTC
0000		33361	39163	22499	52409	07008	0000
0100		39163	22499	52409	07008	21902	0100
1000			52409	07008	21902	58268	1000
1100			07008	21902	58268	22499	1100
1200		07008	21902	58268	22499	33361	1200
1300		21902	58268	22499	33361	39163	1300
1400							1400
2200	58268	22499	33361	39163	22499		2200
2300	22499	33361	39163	22499	52409		2300

IDs as of Oct 17th, 2003

UTC	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	UTC
0000		33361	39163	25843	90661	51721	0000
0100		39163	22499	90661	51721	59159	0100
1000		22499	52409	51721	59159	08650	1000
1100		52409	07008	59159	08650	25843	1100
1200		07008	21902	08650	25843	16401	1200

1300		21902	58268	25843	16401	64307	1300
1400							1400
2200	58268		16401	64307	25843		2200
2300	22499		64307	25843	90661		2300

IDs as of Oct 24th, 2003

UTC	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	UTC
0000		16401	64307	25843	90661	51721	0000
0100		64307	25843	90661	51721	59159	0100
1000		25843	90661	51721	59159		1000
1100		90661	51721	59159	08650	25843	1100
1200		51721	59159	08650	25843	16401	1200
1300		59159	08650	25843	16401	64307	1300
1400							1400
2200	08650	25843		64307	25843		2200
2300	25843		64307	25843	90661		2300

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::: E05

In the last edition of N&O we reported, that E05 is back. Again it was heard on 1, 2 and 3 Oct, with the same message as on 30 Sep (callsign: 133, group count: 215). The time was 1200 UTC, the frequencies were 8110 kHz in AM and 10583 in USB. Also it was heard on 3 Oct, 1215 UTC, on 16110 kHz in progress, ended at 1250 UTC. Thanks for the reports to Paul, Alexander and Manolis.

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::: E06

An interesting E06 catch from Gert, heard on 11 Oct. He found the usual Saturday 1500 UTC sked on 13910 kHz, in progress, but this time with two the same messages at the same time and on the same freq, but with two different IDs: "547" and "891". Both transmissions had the same dK (837) and GC (64) - the first group was 78450. Both transmissions had a little time difference, so that it sounded like an echo.

Richard Ness caught E06 on Sun, 26 Oct, giving "547" repeated, starting at 1500 UTC, very strong sound (S9). Simon Parton also heard it, but he's describing the sound as echoey (similar to Gert's description a few weeks earlier). The echoey sound was also confirmed by Tobbe from Sweden, who also heard it very strongly, as it was reported by Richard, but Richard couldn't confirm the echo. He means, that either E06 is coming from two different transmitters, or it was received via two distinctive paths.

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::: E10

In this month we have only a few non-standard E10 reports:

2 Oct, 2200 UTC, 5435 kHz: ART1, 4 Oct, 1900 UTC, 5435 kHz: EZI (for some seconds, then the signal stopped), 17 Oct, 2230 UTC, 4880 kHz: ULX1. PCD1 is reported 4 times this month: 15 Oct, 0030 UTC, 6498 kHz, and Oct 10, 17 and 19, always 1900 UTC, 4270 kHz. The other usual skeds are still very active.

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::: E11

E11 Oblique has changed its Tuesdays 1030 UTC freq to 8759 kHz. It was first heard on 21 Oct on this new freq (log from Gert).

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::: E25

A new catch of E25 from Manolis on 26 Oct. "Today we're back in winter time, and I gave a try to E25. And yes, it was there!!! 9450 kHz, AM mode. 1240z Carrier. 1245z No music intro, Arab man calling '780'. 1248z 'Message' x3. Message of 13 4-figure groups follows:

9394	3531	6210	1467	6518	5690	2666	5481	4555
7854	3353	8560	6210					

1249z 'Repeat' x3. Repeats msg.

1251z 'End of message, end of transmission'. The audio quality was poor, I can't tell if this is due to the Solar Storm. QRM from a BC station on the same freq. The Arab man was more 'professional'. In the beginning I thought that the transmission was taped or synthetic like E03!"

Thanks, Manolis, for this new and interesting E25 catch.

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::: S10D

S10D was heard by Tom in Pennsylvania, USA, the first Tues and Weds of the month, on 6945 kHz. He reports, that the carrier came on at 0245 UTC, and then - after a while - the ID "555" came. He believes, that it seems to be audible on the first Tues and Weds of each month. Thanks, Tom, for the log.

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::: V02

Tom also reported on 21 Oct a mix of V2 and its sister station M8. "Now of 0300z hearing V2 but M8 hammering code on top of it. Makes me wonder... maybe these morse/voice mix-ups are simply transmitter tests for future real transmissions."

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★ MORSE STATIONS ★

::: MX

The cluster beacons and channel markers are still active this month. Here are again the usual freqs:

3335.7 "L" Tirana
3658.0 "V" Khiva
3772.0 "P" St. Petersburg
4031.0 "P" St. Petersburg
4210.0 "P" St. Petersburg
4325.8 "R" Izhevsk
4474.9 "P" St. Petersburg
5153.8 "P" St. Petersburg
5153.7 "D" Odessa
5153.9 "S" Arkhangelsk
5154.0 "C" Moscow
5465.8 "R" Izhevsk
7000.0 "K" spur of 7039 kHz
7038.7 "D" Odessa
7038.9 "S" Arkhangelsk
7039.0 "C" Moscow
7039.3 "K" Petropavlovsk Kamchatskiy
7039.4 "M" Magadan
7039.2 "F" Vladivostok
8494.7 "D" Odessa
8495.0 "C" Moscow
10871.7 "D" Odessa
10871.9 "S" Arkhangelsk
10872.0 "C" Moscow
13527.9 "S" Arkhangelsk
13528.0 "C" Moscow
16331.7 "D" Odessa
16332.0 "C" Moscow
20047.9 "S" Arkhangelsk
20048.0 "C" Moscow

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::: M23

On 15 Oct Salvo reported M23 on 18930 kHz. He writes: "Few days ago, October, 13, At 1435utc I've received: 18930.0 CW "5 5 5" repeated for two seconds, then one second stop, and so on for about 20 minutes, no id." Thanks Salvo.

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* VARIOUS MODES *

S28: The Buzzer, daily on 6425 kHz, usually with very strong signal.

S30: The Pip, on 3756 and 5448 kHz.

XM: Whales. This station usually comes on 3822, 3858 and 5435 kHz, but Martin Potter from Canada reports the station also on about 3518 kHz, being heard evenings in eastern Canada. He describes the sound of the station: "Polytones, each tone about six seconds long (average), slowly rising in frequency, contained in the band about 3517.7 to 3517.9 kHz."

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::: XP, XPH

XP's October schedules:

0600 UTC: 11204 kHz	0620 UTC: 12504 kHz	0640 UTC: 13904 kHz
2000 UTC: 9203 kHz	2020 UTC: 7932 kHz	2040 UTC: 6785 kHz
2000 UTC: 11599 kHz	2020 UTC: 10213 kHz	2040 UTC: 9043 kHz
2120 UTC: 13378 kHz	2140 UTC: 11578 kHz	2200 UTC: 10178 kHz

XPH's October schedules:

1830 UTC: 9488 kHz	1850 UTC: 8164	1910 UTC: [not found]
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On Tue, 14 Oct, XPH was missing, only a carrier was audible, less the signal, as Paul reports.

Patrice from France gives us an example for a full message transmission of XP. The message was decoded by XPerta.

XP 20031014 7932 khz 2020z 179 groups AM by Xperta QRM bcast (China ?)

MISSED the decode key but not the 179 GROUPS (was on 10214 khz, heard


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24855 78816 82766 03821 81251 69610 03430 93404 39889 19036  
37274 54261 97954 02913 52269 70586 09832 24082 89881 67962  
05807 43663 29912 37828 14239 59828 67594 79267 06196 38472  
04534 69699 67434 02921 71222 86789 32697 67120 <<<<<<<<<  
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Thanks to Pat and Paul for this good work.

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::: JAMMERS

North Korea: 3985, 6348 kHz.

South Korea: 657, 1080, 3480, 4450, 4557, 6009.9 kHz.

Saudi Arabia: 15705 kHz.

Morocco: 1550 kHz.

Iran: 7000, 7005, 7010, 7030, 7035, 7043, 7080 kHz.

Unid: 8302 kHz.

China: 9555 kHz.

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* UNID STATIONS *

::: UNID Low Tones

On 8 Oct Guy from the UK reported a station with low tones on 14787 kHz. It was also heard by Chris Acuff and Lloyd Scott in the US. Lloyd heard an interment buzz saw, which Chris confirmed. Lloyd heard also on CW another tones buries in it. Bill from UK reported it with signal strength 2-5, a low buzz, followed by higher pitch burst. Paul from UK (the ENIGMA2000 moderator), who also got a sample, added it to the "files" section of the ENIGMA group. He means, that it sounded similar to XFR. It was only reported on 8 Oct.

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